

REMARKS

Claims 1-52 are currently pending in this Application. Upon entry of this Amendment which cancels Claims 1, 3-4, 12-14, 22, 24-25, 30-32, 40, and 42-43, Claims 2, 5-11, 15-21, 23, 26-29, 33-39, 41, and 44-52 will be pending. Applicant reserves the right to pursue protection for cancelled claims in related applications. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's recognition of allowable subject matter of Claims 5-9, 15-19, 26-28, 33-37, 44-48 and 50-52 if the claims were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These same numbered claims were found to be allowable in the Office Action of November 15, 2005. Applicant has amended the claims to the form found allowable in the November 15, 2005 Office Action.

Claim Objections

In the recent Office Action, Claim 24 was objected to over a matter of form. Claim 24 has been cancelled.

Claim Rejections

In the Office Action, Claims 1-4, 10-14, 20-25, 29-32, 38-43, and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. These claims have been amended or cancelled consistent with the Examiner's findings of allowability as addressed in the following section. These amendments place the remaining claims in the application in condition for allowance, and the Applicant requests the issuance of Notice of Allowance for this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner noted in the Office Action that Claims 5-9, 15-19, 26-28, 33-37, 44-48, and 50-52 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The same numbered claims were found to be allowable in the November 15, 2005 Office Action. Applicant has amended the claims consistent with this finding to the form found to be allowable in the earlier Office Action.

Consistent with the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter, Applicant has made the following changes amendments:

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Claim 2 has been amended to depend from Claim 5, and further amended to be consistent therewith.

Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled.

Claim 5 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 5 incorporate the limitations of original Claims 1, 3, and 4, from which original Claim 5 depended.

Claim 7 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 7 incorporate the limitations of original Claim 1 from which original Claim 7 depended.

Claim 9 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 9 incorporate the limitations of original Claims 1, 3, and 4 from which original Claim 9 depended.

Claim 10 has been amended to depend from Claim 5.

Claim 11 has been amended to depend from Claim 5, and further amended to be consistent therewith.

Claims 12-14 have been cancelled.

Claim 15 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 15 incorporate the limitations of original Claims 12, 13, and 14 from which original Claim 15 depended.

Claim 17 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 17 incorporate the limitations of original Claim 12 from which original Claim 17 depended.

Claim 19 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 19 incorporate the limitations of original Claims 12, 13, and 14 from which original Claim 19 depended.

Claim 20 has been amended to depend from Claim 15.

Claim 21 has been amended to depend from Claim 15, and further amended to be consistent therewith.

Claim 22 has been cancelled.

Claim 23 has been amended to depend from Claim 26, and further amended to be consistent therewith.

Claims 24 and 25 have been cancelled.

Claim 26 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 26 incorporate the limitations of original Claims 22, 24, and 25 from which original Claim 26 depended.

Claim 28 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 28 incorporate the limitations of original Claim 22 from which original Claim 28 depended.

Claim 29 has been amended to depend from Claim 26, and further amended to be consistent therewith.

Claims 30-32 have been cancelled.

Claim 33 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 33 incorporate the limitations of original Claims 30, 31 and 32 from which original Claim 33 depended.

Claim 35 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 35 incorporate the limitations of original Claim 30 from which original Claim 35 depended.

Claim 37 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 37 incorporate the limitations of original Claims 30, 31, and 32 from which original Claim 37 depended.

Claim 38 has been amended to depend from Claim 33.

Claim 39 has been amended to depend from Claim 33, and further amended to be consistent therewith.

Claim 40 has been cancelled.

Claim 41 has been amended to depend from Claim 44, and further amended to be consistent therewith.

Claims 42 and 43 have been cancelled.

Claim 44 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 44 incorporate the limitations of original Claims 40, 42, and 43 from which original Claim 44 depended.

Claim 46 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 46 incorporate the limitations of original Claim 40 from which original Claim 46 depended.

Claim 48 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 48 incorporate the limitations of original Claims 40, 42, and 43 from which original Claim 48 depended.

Claim 49 has been amended to depend from Claim 44.

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Claim 50 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 50 incorporate the limitations of original Claim 40 from which original Claim 50 depended.

Claim 52 has been amended and is now an independent claim. The amendments to Claim 52 incorporate the limitations of original Claims 40, 42, and 43 from which original Claim 52 depended.

Conclusion

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued. A check in the amount of \$2000 is attached for fees believed due by the addition of 10 independent claims (10 x \$200 = \$2000). If any additional fees are due, please charge deposit account 50-3447. If the Examiner believes that there are any issues which can be resolved via a telephone conference or by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (678) 325-6603 is respectfully requested.

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